

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7775–S7844.*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2242–2257, S. Res. 307–309, and S. Con. Res. 24. **Pages S7814–15**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–165)

S. 1298, to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation’s ports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–164)

S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, with amendments. **Page S7814**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 303, designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7843**

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015. **Page S7843**

**National Native American Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 307, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. **Page S7843**

**National Day on Writing:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 308, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2015, as the “National Day on Writing”. **Page S7843**

**Relative to the Death of former Senator Fred Thompson:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 309, relative to the death of Fred Thompson, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee. **Page S7843**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 92, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Pages S7843–44**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S7776–79**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 298), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7779**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7779**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7779**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7786–S7811**

#### Pending:

Kirk/Tester Amendment No. 2763, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7793–94**

Kirk Amendment No. 2764 (to Amendment No. 2763), to clarify the term “congressional defense committees.” **Page S7794**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 299), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7786**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form. **Page S7844**

### House Messages:

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1356, to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions; that Senator McCain, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to concur in the House amendment, and that there then be 20 minutes equally divided before a vote on the motion to concur; and that if the motion to concur is agreed to, Senate begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 90, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356, and the resolution be agreed to. **Page S7843**

**Allen Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S7843**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—299) **Pages S7779, S7786**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Fred Thompson, at 5:53 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7844.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WILDFIRES

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildfire, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on budgetary impacts and threats to natural resources on Federal, state, and private lands, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Dessecker, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; William R. Dougan, National Federation of Federal Employees, Washington, D.C.; Ken Stewart, Georgia Institute of Technology Renewable Bioproducts Institute, Marietta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Forest Foundation; Chris Treese, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

### ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine revisiting the roles and missions of the armed forces, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David A. Deptula, USAF (Ret.), the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Martinage, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Michael O’Hanlon, *The Future of Land Warfare*, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bryan McGrath, Hudson Institute Center for American Seapower, Easton, Maryland.

### RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Klein, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Bill Nickerson, Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Environmental Protection Agency; Megan J. Uzzell, Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor; and Christopher Zehren, Deputy